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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 09/746,391

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Examiner: S. Witkowski

For: MUSICAL TONE SIGNAL GENERATION
APPARATUS ACCOMMODATED FOR
MULTIPLE USERS PLAYING MUSIC IN
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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002, in view of the remarks below, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 5-13. Claims 1-4 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the patents to Lowe or Liebman. In light of the remarks below, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,535,878 ("Lowe"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal thereof.